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HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the availability of health professionals and quality of healthcare services in the North-Eastern region of the country and if so, the details along with the outcome thereof;

(b) the estimated number of doctors, medical colleges, hospitals and hospital beds available in the North-Eastern States, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve access to affordable and quality healthcare services in the North-Eastern region along with the funds earmarked, allocated and utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the details of the incentives being provided for setting up of hospitals and medical colleges in the North-Eastern region; and

(e) whether the Government has supported/proposes to support any projects aimed at creation of health informatics, healthcare knowledge system and other e-Health solutions in the region; and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a): Separate assessment of availability of health professional and quality of healthcare has not been done in respect of North − Eastern (NE) region. The details of availability and shortfall of human resources of health and that of health facilities (Sub- centres, Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres) is provided in Rural Health Statistics − 2014, which is available at www.mohfw.nic.in

(b): Public health is a state subject. As per information received from the state Government, the number of doctors, medical colleges, hospitals and beds available is given at Annexure −I

(c): In order to improve access to affordable and quality health care services in all State/UTs including NE region, support is being provided under National Health Mission (NHM). This includes support for free reproductive, maternal and child health services, control and treatment of communicable diseases like TB, Malaria, HIV/ AIDS, etc. State-wise position of the funds allocated, released and utilised during last three years and current year under NHM is given at Annexure −II

(d): In the Amended Regulation of the Council on Establishment of Medical Colleges, 1999, dated 26.02.2010, under clause 2 (5) incentive for requirement of beds for establishment of medical college have been reduced for North Eastern States and Hill States. It is further stated that relaxation in the requirement of land for establishment of medical college, the Regulations have been amended vide notification dated 26.09.2011 for hilly areas.

With a view to complement the initiatives under NRHM Programme, Forward Linkages Scheme has been introduced which aims at improving/ strengthening the Tertiary and Secondary level health infrastructure of the NE region in a comprehensive manner.

(e): Under NHM support is provided for health system strengthening which includes health informatics, health care knowledge system and other e-health solutions. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as been providing support to all the states & UTs including the North-Eastern states under the National Health Mission for operation of many IT systems namely, the Mother and

Child Tracking System (MCTS) for tracking Mother and Child Health care services; Health Management Information System (HMIS) to monitor and evaluate the impact of delivery of services at facility level; Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme

(IDSP for disease surveillance, e-Nikshay for TB control programme etc.

Under the National Medical College Network (NMCN) scheme support for interlinking the Medical Colleges across the country for the purposes of Health Education, Skill Enhancement and Healthcare Delivery is given. Six (6) Medical colleges in North-Eastern States are included in the Scheme.